

Department of Public Safety - Commonwealth of Massachusetts

One Ashburton Place – Boston – MA 02108  
Board of Elevator Regulations – Hearings  
Minutes –June 18, 2013

PRESENT:

David Gaudet, Member  
Thomas Riley, Member

Walter Zalenski, Chairman, DPS  
Harold McGonagle, Member

Deborah Ho, Program Coordinator, DPS  
Kevin McGettigan, Member

ABSENT:

John O'Donoghue, Member

Cheri Davis, Member

Michael Nicoloro, Member

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- I. Meeting is called to order by Walter Zalenski, Chair at 1:00PM introduction of the board members –a quorum is present– Review minutes of May 7, 2013 - a motion has been put forth by David Gaudet to approve the minutes – seconded by Thomas Riley – 3-2 abstained; Harold McGonagle, Kevin McGettigan  
Review minutes of May 28, 2013 – a motion has been put forth by Kevin McGettigan to approve the minutes with amendments – seconded Thomas Riley  
Review minutes of June 4, 2013 -

II. **Public Hearing**

Open forum – accepting recommendations for amending 524 CMR - No Public comments made or received

III. **Kone, Inc./EcoSpace Machine roomless - Polyurethane Buffers – 8 MM Hoist Rope – 6MM Governor Rope**

Paxton Senior Housing – 1 Grove Street – Paxton

UMass Bridge & Tower – 141 Marginal Street – Lowell

100 Pacific Avenue – Cambridge

Mystic River Lofts – 267 Medford Street – Charlestown – Elevator #2

Avalon at Assembly Row – 74 Foley Street – Somerville – Elevator, Parcel #1 - 1, 2, 4 & 5

Avalon at Assembly Row – 74 Foley Street – Somerville – Elevator, Parcel #4 – 1, 2, 3 & 4

New England Studios – 122 Hospital Road – Devens

Phi Beta Epsilon – 400 Memorial Drive – Cambridge

Berkley Investments – 381 Congress Street – Boston

Arborpoint at Market Street–427 Walnut Street–Lynnfield-Building 1000 Elevator 1 & 2

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The Petitioner is seeking a variance to install EcoSpace Machine roomless elevator with Polyurethane buffers with 8MM Hoist Ropes and 6 MM Governor Rope for above units listed – a motion has been put forth by Kevin McGettigan to grant the variance as requested

Motioned by: Kevin McGettigan

Seconded by: Harold McGonagle

Vote: 5-0 Variance granted

**IV. Old/New Business**

**Suffolk University – 150 Tremont St – Boston 1-W-13255**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance on A17.1 2000 1B – as stated on an email sent on May 3, 2013 to Debbie Ho – “the application was correct, it was just read wrong during the hearing” “wheelchair was installed 2011” – the Board of Elevator has corrected the code citing to read as : A17.1 – 2000 1H – a motion has been put forth by David Gaudet to grant the variance to allow the lower head, provided a “Low Overhead” signage has been placed at all landings and in the car\*

Motioned by: David Gaudet  
Seconded by: Thomas Riley  
Vote: 4-1 Variance granted with provisions

**Dery Funeral Home – 54 Bradford St – Pittsfield – 236-G-254**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance on 524 CMR 31.02(8) – hydraulic electric systems – the board had a 90 day period to specify meeting the safety requirements of electric interlocked doors – two (2) letters was sent to the Department of Public Safety – 1) Letter from Comalli Electric on the lift system and door interlock system – 2) Letter from the Dery Funeral Home – requesting to allow the variance – a motion has been put forth by Kevin McGettigan to place the case “on hold” for a review by the Technical Code Coordinator of the Department of Public Service

Motioned by: Kevin McGettigan  
Seconded by: Thomas Riley  
Vote: 5-0 Variance “On Hold”

**380 Union St – W Springfield – 325-P-39**

The Petitioner is seeking a variance to 524 CMR 17.02 –Fire rate machine room wood (1 hour) – the Petitioner is seeking approval from the board in lieu of new construction work, they are seeking to apply a fire retardant paint with a Fire Hazard Classification ASTM E-84 (NFPA 255), Class “A” on exposed wooden surfaces cited in the violation - the Board of Elevator Regulation request the Management company to provided a Fire Study from the test laboratory - a motion has been put forth to place the case “on hold” pending fire test results – must provide the study and report by July 15, 2013

Motioned by: Harold McGonagle  
Seconded by: Kevin McGettigan  
Vote: 5-0 Variance “on hold”

**V. Otis – Elevator with governors located on the side of the cab**

A site visit made by Kevin McGettigan, from the Board of Elevator Regulations and Tom Costello from the Department of Public Safety – there are many unanswered questions – the Board of Elevator Regulations is requesting another site visit

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Submitted by:

Deborah Ho  
June 19, 2013